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SUBJECT: CHILE-PERU RELATIONS: RECOGNITION

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1. GOC EFFECTIVELY RECOGNIZED ASSUMPTION OF PERU PRESIDENCY BY MORALES BERMUDEE VIA NOTE DATED SEPTEMBER 1 TO PREUVIAN EMBASSY SANTIAGO, RESPONDING TO PERUVIAN EMBASSY NOTE TO GOC SENT SAME DAY.

2. EDITORIAL IN LEADING NEWSPAPER "EL MERCURI" AUGUST

31 CHARACTERIZED WHAT SEEMS TO US LIKELY GENERAL REACTION OF GOC AND CHILEAN PUBLIC TO COUP IN PERU. PAPER WAS PLEASED, SAW CHANGE AS MOVE TOWARD SOMEWHAT MORE MODERATE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POSITIONS BY GOP, EX-

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PRESSED FEELING THAT CHANGE IS AT LEAST MINOR BLOW TO

SOVIET UNION AND CUBA, AND RECOGNIZED THAT BASIC DIRECTIONS OF PERUVIAN POLICY PROBABLY NOT ALTERED SIGNIFICANTLY.

3. MILITARY COMMANDER AND GOVERNOR IN ARICA, COL. JORGE DOWLING, TOLD PRESS THAT PERUVIAN COUNTERPART IN TACNA WARNED HIM "FIVE MINUTES" BEFORE COUP THAT PERUVIAN FORCES WOULD BE MOVING TO OUST VELASCO. CORDIAL RELATIONS AND NORMALITY OF SITUATION IN PERU

WERE EMPHASIZED BY VISIT OF DOWLING AND LOCAL DELEGATION TO TACNA ON AUGUST 30 FOR CIVIL GUARD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. GOC IN TURN HAS INVITED PERUVIAN MILITARY DELEGATION TO VISIT IQUIQUE SEPTEMBER 2.

4. COMMENT: PERUVIAN ASSURANCE TO CHILE THAT TROOP ALERTS AND MOVEMENTS CONCERNED WITH COUP WERE DOMESTIC MATTER, NOT AIMED AT CHILE, AND PROMPT "RECOGNITION" OF NEW GOP BY CHILE, ARE FURTHER EVIDENCE OF EFFORT OF TWO GOVERNMENTS TO KEEP RELATIONS ON EVEN KEEL. GOC OBVIOUSLY SEES CHANGE AS

FAVORABLE TO ITS INTERESTS, BUT WILL EQUALLY RECOGNIZE THAT FUNDAMENTAL CAUSES OF PERU-CHILE TENSION ARE NOT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED. AE EXPECT GOC WILL REGARD DANGER OF TROUBLE FROM PERU AS LESSENED, BUT WILL NOT RELAX EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE MINIMUM MILITARY DETERRENT.
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